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AUTO SMASHUPS WEDNESDAY EVE

Five People Injured When Car Turns—Bright Headlights Cause Another.

Five people received more or less serious injuries about 11:30 p. m. Wednesday evening when a big Liberty six automobile, driven by sixteen-year-old Lyle Berzina, son of J. C. Berzina of this city, plunged off the bridge three miles this side of Berea, on the Alliance-Hemingford road. The car overturned and threw several of the occupants out, pinning others underneath.

The accident was due to a combination of youthful driver and speeding. There were two cars in the party, the first of which contained Perry Davidson and Leo Walker of Hemingford and the Misses Nellie Wright and Dora White. The two cars had been racing all the way. According to the story told by one of the occupants of the wrecked car, Bicknell and Anderson had hired Berzina to drive them to Hemingford. His father was out of the city, but was expected home that evening, and they were trying to get to Alliance before he arrived.

The Hemingford boys had the lead, and were setting a stiff pace. Berzina had turned out all the lights on his car, and was driving with the spotlight alone. Berzina attempted to pass them at the bridge. The first car crossed the bridge without difficulty, but the spotlight threw the light a good distance ahead of the car, and they did not see the bridge in time to gauge it properly. But two of the wheels hit it, and the car turned over.

Berzina, as soon as he could get to his feet, saw that there were others to take care of the injured, and set out along the road, in the hope of getting assistance. The car ahead kept on, until some of the occupants noticed that they were no longer being followed. After a few minutes, suspecting an accident, they turned back, and met young Berzina.

When they arrived at the scene of the accident, they found that two other cars were on the ground, piloted by W. R. Harper and Norman McCorkle. They crowded the occupants into one of the cars, and brought the injured to Alliance.

Walter ("Spooks") Anderson was the most seriously hurt. He received five broken ribs, and an injury to the back. An X-ray photograph taken Thursday evening showed one of the vertebrae to be injured. For a time it was feared that he might not recover, but present indications are more favorable. He is now at St. Joseph's hospital.

Miss Genevieve Dotson, received a badly wrenched shoulder, the pain from which was sufficient to make her delirious. She is now resting easily, and will make a rapid recovery. Her twin sister, Geraldine, was badly bruised.

Kenneth ("Ikey") Bicknell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bicknell, received a broken hand, an injury to the jaw, and bad bruises about the head and shoulders.

Lyle Berzina, the driver, was thrown clear of the machine. He was only slightly bruised. He went to the hospital with the rest of his passengers, but was released Thursday morning.

Lights Blinded Driver.

Half an hour before this accident, another car turned over at the same bridge. This car was occupied by Charles Thompson, C. M. Butler, Harry Moorish and Charles Tilton. As they approached the bridge, the headlights from another car, coming from the opposite direction, blinded the driver, and he was unable to see the bridge. As in the other accident, the right wheels did not strike the bridge at all, and the car overturned. The men were all thrown from the car, which was not damaged, save for a demolished top. The occupants righted the car and proceeded to Alliance with it. Their injuries were confined to bruises.

The superintendent in charge of the bricklaying end of the paving is feeling tolerably good the last day or two. After losing the prize bricklayer, who was a regular nine-day wonder at picking them up and laying them down, he took two men out of the ranks, as it were, and put them on the job. Thursday they laid over 1,400 square yards of brick, over 700 yards apiece. Six hundred yards is a mighty big day's work, and there are few who do much better than the 500-yard mark. The work is proceeding rapidly, and there isn't much doubt that the first district will soon be out of the way, possibly by the end of the month. Two weeks of good weather should

SCOUTS ORGANIZED THE SECOND TROOP

Thursday a new Boy Scout troop, known as troop 2, was organized with James P. Burlington, Jr., as scoutmaster and Jay H. Vance, assistant. The new troop is holding meetings with the older troop they got fully organized and at the first meeting applications were received and patrols formed.

Persons received were: Clarence E. Butler, Clarence Sherwood, Vern Gribble, Ed Epler, Frank Hodgkinson, William McCoy, Wynn Robbins, William Davee, William Irish, Jack Dacy, Elbert Howe, Elmer Johnsen and Parker Davis.

At present Assistants Hamilton and Vance have charge of the meetings and the activities for the winter has been lined up and all Scouts are real enthusiastic over it.

Monday night was the time set for examinations and a good number of the new troop passed their tenderfoot test. It is expected that they will advance rapidly and show the older troop some good competition.

At present the main thoughts of the scouts rest on an attractive bronze medal which is to be given to the best signaller in troop 1. September 30 is the date set for the elimination contest to decide to whom the honor and medal go. The wig-wag method, using one flag and the international Morse code, is the manner in which the signalling is to be done.

A Boy Scout Tag day is being planned and if all arrangements are made it will be held on the 25th of this month. The purpose will be to raise money for financing the work for both troops.

KARL SIMPSON IS CRUSHED BY TRUCK

Six-Year-Old Son of George Simpson Falls Under a Heavily Loaded Car.

Karl Simpson, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson, received fatal injuries Tuesday afternoon, when he fell from the top of a truckload of wheat. He struck the ground just in front of one of the rear wheels, which passed over his chest. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital.

The accident happened about 3:30 p. m. The child had just been dismissed from school, and met his father's truck near the city park. The father stopped the car, the boy climbed on, but no sooner had the driver started than the car struck a slight obstruction and lurched, and the child lost his balance, falling directly under the moving wheels.

The boy's father was driving the truck, and is almost prostrate since the accident, although no possible blame attaches to him.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church at 2:30 p. m. Thursday, with Rev. J. Orrin Gould in charge. Schoolmates of the boy, who was in Miss Eva Crocker's class at Central school, sent a beautiful assortment of flowers, and there was a multitude of other floral offerings from other classes in the city schools, as well as from friends.

MAIL PILOT WINS CRAWFORD AIR RACE

Nearly ten thousand people were in Crawford yesterday for the Tri-State fair and the conclusion of the Omaha to Crawford airplane race, the first of its kind in the state. A big delegation of forty cars was in attendance from Alliance. The weather was ideal. Among the interesting events was the winning of the 2:15 trot by Whitefoot, the Shreeve gelding, which took all three heats.

Clarence C. Lange of the government air mail service won the air race from Omaha to Crawford, Neb., a distance of 470 miles.

Lange took off at the Ak-Sar-Ben field yesterday morning at 8:31 and landed at Crawford at 12:41. Edward Gardner of the Nebraska Aircraft company of Lincoln left Omaha at 9:12 and arrived in Crawford at 1:36 1/2, finishing second. Warren P. Kite of the Grand Island Aero company hopped off at 9:09 and landed at 2:04 in third place.

Lange piloted a ship owned by A. H. Peters of Omaha. He was in third place at Grand Island, the only stopping place on the course, having taken an hour and 33 minutes to fly a distance covered by Gardner in an hour and 10 minutes and by Kite in an hour and 23 minutes.

PHONE FRANCHISE IS INTRODUCED

Council Will Take It Slow and Easy Phone Company May Be Out of Trenches by Christmas

It begins to look as though the Nebraska Telephone company were due to get their franchise, although they are by no means out of the woods yet. At the Tuesday evening meeting of the city council, the franchise ordinance was formally introduced by Councilman Harry Johnson, and the regular statutory course will be followed. This means that, with good luck, the company will have a franchise by January 1. Of course, there may be objections registered, and if this should happen, it may drag on for a year or two.

For over a year and a half, the telephone company has been trying with poor success to get a franchise through the city council. The council has always been pleasant and agreeable, and has lent a willing ear to every emissary the company has sent, but they have not nerved their courage to the voting point. Usually when the council passes an ordinance, it suspends the rules and shoots her through. The telephone company franchise will have to go the regular route, and this is a hard road to travel.

Under the regular procedure, an ordinance is introduced at the first meeting, and is laid on the table until the next meeting. This was done. At the next meeting, the ordinance will come for second reading. At the November meeting, it will be up for third reading and final passage. The phone company may be out of the trenches by Christmas.

Last month the phone company made its final capitulation. They forwarded through Clay Harry, the local commercial manager, a franchise ordinance that granted pretty nearly everything the council had asked. Among these concessions was a provision that, in cases where buildings were moved, the company would stand the expense. They agreed also to place poles where the city council wanted them placed, to remove poles for paving and other causes, to hold the city without liability for damages, and several other things, and finally, agreed to remove all poles and wires from a large portion of the downtown district within three to five years. The franchise was granted.

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BLAIR FINDS BOOZE AMONG THE FLOWERS

L. D. Blair, who several weeks ago purchased the Tatro greenhouse after the proprietor, discouraged by financial difficulties, had surrendered it to his backers, the First National bank, has been busy the past few weeks repairing the ravages of neglect and planting new stock.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Blair was at work in the greenhouse, spading up one of the flower beds. He had just started at work and was driving the spade deep with all his energy. He struck a snag, but unfortunately went clear through the obstruction, which when the earth was turned away from it, turned out to be a quart bottle of prime whisky. Before he could save it, hardly a drop was left. Frantic spading uncovered but one more quart bottle, and this, alas, was empty.

The label on the bottle had been obliterated, but the revenue stamp was still intact. The odor, the aroma, was that of expensive stuff. Mr. Blair was so overcome by the awful damage he had done that he shut up shop for the afternoon and refused to spade another foot. Some men would have feverishly spaded up all the other flower beds, but Mr. Blair is made of sterner stuff.

Mr. Blair's tale of buried treasure has been received differently in different quarters. Some of his friends look at him with cold eye and say to him: "Don't come that stuff on us—we're not going to be fooled into helping you dig your flower beds." Others, in whom the light of hope has not entirely died out, have volunteered their services in assisting with the spading. But no man will ever spade recklessly in that greenhouse again.

The Alliance police, some months ago, discovered a whisky still at the greenhouse when it was conducted by William Tatro. Mr. Tatro at that time declared that it was none of his war, and that one of the workmen must have been dry. If, as Mr. Blair suspects—and hopes—the stuff is buried among the flower pots, this man must have had an awful thirst.

CENTER ATTACK ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Raymond Robins Discuss But One Campaign Issue

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Raymond Robins, who made republican speeches on a platform erected near the Burlington station Friday morning, made no attempt to discuss any of the campaign issues but the league of nations. Teddy, Jr., took a few pokes at the much-mentioned article X of the league covenant, and Raymond Robins, in the short time left to him, continued the attack on other grounds. The train which brought in the speakers arrived a full hour late, which cut down the time allotted to Alliance considerably. A crowd of several hundred was on hand to greet the speakers.

Among the audience were visitors from Hemingford, Marsland and over the county, as well as a sprinkling of visitors from Chadron, Gordon, and other points.

A squad of world-war veterans in uniform provided an escort for the speakers from the train to the platform, where the crowd gave them an ovation. W. R. Harper, republican county chairman, introduced the speakers. Teddy, Jr., resembled his father in a number of ways, and has adopted mannerisms to make the likeness still more striking. He has a broad, comprehensive smile, and waved in a friendly way at two children who were seated near the platform.

Roosevelt began his address with a quotation from a letter written to him by his father in 1918. The quotation did not serve as a text for anything save some remarks to the effect that the great danger facing the country was that it should swing rapidly from one extreme to the other. Teddy, Jr., thought that the prevailing spirit of class distinction was one of the danger signals. He followed with some observations on the glories of equal opportunity for all in America, and how pleasant it was that the estimate of worth in the land of the free was based on character, not on money.

The speaker then launched into an attack on what he called the "Wilson league of nations." He said that he had four children—and a gasp went up from the crowd, for he has a young look for all that responsibility. Three of his children are boys, and one is a girl. He said that he knew what war was from actual experience, and the crowd applauded when he said that he didn't want to see his children in a war that could be avoided. He charged that the "Wilson league of nations contains the seed of more wars."

Article X he characterized as a death-trap. He told of the Shantung affair, and said that with the United States a member of the league, the nations under the covenant "right perfectly probably" demand that troops be sent to Ireland, to Berlin or to Russia to preserve order. He also mentioned Poland as an instance that the league would not put a stop to war.

In conclusion, he said that his heart went out to "you-all here in Alliance," and that he was quite sure that this city would give the republican candidate a big majority. "My father stopped here two years ago," he said, "and I'm not at all worried as to the outcome."

Raymond Robins drew the applause of the crowd when he sprung the "He kept us out of war—now he is keeping us out of peace" slogan. He addressed himself particularly to the laboring men. He had, he said, at one time in his life worked as a coal miner, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, at a dollar a day. He attacked what he called the "labor article" in the league covenant, and charged that the league plan contemplated an international labor tribunal of 128 members, in which the United States had but 4 votes. This tribunal, he said, is intended to deal with the standards and conditions of labor, and the yellow and brown races have a greater voice than the United States. He seemed to believe that there was a great menace in this, although in times past American labor has never been content with as low or lower standard of living as the laborers of other countries, and it is rather doubtful if a league of nations could persuade them to do so.

Mr. Robins also made capital out of proposals that had been made for the league treaty, but voted down. He suggested that republicans ask democratic leaders if it were true that free speech and a free press had been voted down; if it were true

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that shorter hours and a minimum wage for women had been defeated; if an anti-slavery provision had been defeated. Since none of these things were really essential to a league covenant, it isn't surprising that they were omitted, just as no provision was included providing for a uniform method in all countries of selecting dog-catchers.

The speaker was applauded when he said that, if the republican candidates were elected, there would be several changes in the cabinet, such as the removal of Secretary Baker, Attorney General Palmer and Postmaster General Burleson.

Among the Scottsbluff visitors last Saturday and Sunday was Police Judge T. D. Roberts, of Alliance. The judge stated that this was the first trip that he had made through this valley since 1903, although before that date he had traveled the valley considerably on horseback. The Scottsbluff Star-Herald. The visitor stated that he could hardly realize the great changes and the unbelievable prosperity that was apparent on every hand. Of course he had been informed of the progress of the North Platte valley, but the actuality was much greater than anything he had imagined.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Kilpatrick, Jr., were guests at the Drake hotel Wednesday night. Mr. Kilpatrick is the son of C. F. Kilpatrick a rancher living south of Alliance.

SPUD DAY DRAWS GOOD-SIZED CROWD

Twenty-five Hundred People Attend the Annual Celebration at Hemingford

A crowd that was estimated at 2,500 people attended the Spud day festivities in Hemingford, last Wednesday. It was one of the best programs of the kind that has been presented in this part of the state and there was something of interest happening every minute.

Senator C. Petrus Peterson of Lincoln made an address, in which he touched on several present-day problems and closed with an appeal to voters to support the constitutional amendments at next Tuesday's special election. He was followed by Professor Wilson of Chadron normal, who spoke for half an hour on the new constitution.

One of the chief attractions was the army lunch served by the American legion to the crowd. This free feed was Hemingford's treat and was thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd.

The ball game proved something of a disappointment; the Alliance bunch being more or less outclassed by Scottsbluff, which won by a 9 to 0 score after nine innings of pure slaughter. It may be interesting, in this connection, to mention that the Scottsbluff pitcher has signed with the St. Louis browns for next year. The Alliance team was badly crippled, being without a pitcher, but a Hemingford man was secured and he lasted for an inning or so.

The auto races were interesting, although there was a rumor to the effect that two of the three entries declined to race with Ed Slaughter, better known as "Spark Plug," a colored entry from Alliance, and that a frameup compromise was made by the entries. Spark Plug was ahead for seven out of eight laps, and on the seventh turn he was doing his best to keep his opponent from passing him. At the close of the race certain men in the crowd made a dive for him, but the nearest was averted.

Following are the results of most of the athletic contests. Further particulars will be given later:

Girls' race—First prize, Edna Whitacre, \$5.00; second, Willetta Johnson; 3rd, Lola Roberts, \$2.00. Fat man's race—First, Delman Glass; second, W. H. Sedore, \$3.00; third, Will Abrams, \$2.

Shoe race—First, Rev. A. J. May, \$5.00; second, Foster May, \$3; third, O. Swanson, \$2.00.

Ladies' race—First, Viola Ustohol; second, Edna Whitacre, \$3. Foot race—First, Fay Clark, \$5; second, Herbert Roby, \$3.

Egg race—First, A. H. Clark, \$5; second, C. Rowley.

Potato race—First, Lloyd Erskine, \$5; third, Foster May, \$2.

Broad jump—First, P. J. Michael, (Continued on page 6.)

COX - ROOSEVELT CLUB ORGANIZED

Box Butte County Democrats Perfect an Organization for Presidential Campaign.

A good-sized number of Box Butte county democrats, among them being representatives of practically every faction in the local democratic ranks, met at the former chamber of commerce rooms in the Alliance National Bank building Monday evening and perfected the organization of a Cox-Roosevelt club, which is destined to play an important part in the coming presidential campaign. These rooms have been secured by the club as a permanent headquarters during the campaign, and Philip Zobel is already on hand as a caretaker and general entertainment committee. The club rooms will be kept open a good share of the time until election, and will be general headquarters for all democrats of the county.

In organizing the club, arrangements were made for the women voters to take an active part in the proceedings, and there was elected a double set of officers. An active campaign for members is now on among both men and women, and both in matters of policy and entertainment, the new voters will be consulted.

J. C. Morrow was elected as temporary chairman and W. L. O'Keefe as temporary secretary. A constitution and by-laws, setting forth the aims and objects of the organization, was read and adopted. The following officers were elected:

General chairman—Dr. H. H. Bellwood.

Vice chairman—Mrs. D. Foley.

Vice chairman—H. E. Gantz.

Secretary—W. L. O'Keefe.

Treasurer—A. D. Rodgers.

Executive committee: First ward—John C. Morrow, Mrs. Claudia Dole.

Third ward—Eugene Burton, Mrs. John Brennan.

Fourth ward—Art Welch, Mrs. E. P. Toohy.

Box Butte—Ed Enry.

Boyd—M. D. Healey.

Dorsey—C. A. Burley.

Lake—A. H. Groves.

Liberty—John Caha.

Nonpareil—Emory Abley.

Snake Creek—John Burke.

Running Water—Wm. Iodence.

Custodian—Phil Zobel.

A meeting of the executive committee has been called for next Wednesday evening, at which vacancies will be filled. It is the intention to choose only workers for the executive positions. The meeting will be open to all democrats and a welcoming hand will be extended to new members.

The following committee appointments have been announced:

Finance—Jack Riordan, chairman; A. G. Isaacson, J. W. Guthrie, John O'Keefe.

Publicity—George L. Burr, chairman; Tom O'Keefe.

Secretary O'Keefe is also state committeeman for Box Butte county and it is probable that the Alliance Cox-Roosevelt club will be headquarters for general organization work in this section of the state.

The organization, when complete, will constitute a formidable force. A good-sized program has been outlined for the club, and by the time the campaign is on in earnest it will be heard from. The intention is to co-operate with the democratic county central committee in every way possible, as well as to carry on a campaign of its own.

WOMAN RUNS AWAY FROM THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sara Shelton of Upton, Wyo., who was operated on at St. Joseph's hospital in Alliance about a week ago, ran away from the hospital about 11 o'clock Thursday evening. At 8 o'clock this morning Sheriff Miller, who had been notified of her disappearance, located her back of the big cooking range in the Manhattan restaurant and returned her to the hospital.

The woman has been seriously ill, and was probably suffering from a delusion when she left the hospital. She spent the night in the passenger station, and about 6 o'clock phoned the Methodist pastor, Rev. M. C. Smith, to come and talk to her. She is a member of the Methodist denomination. On his arrival, she told him that she had heard some people at the hospital talking the night before and that they intended to kill her. She was running away to relatives in Wichita, Kas., she said. A brother at Upland, Wyo., has been notified to come for her. Mrs. Shelton is about sixty years of age.